MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, February 10th, 2009
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on February 17th, 2009

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
All members were present and accounted for.

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
Liz De La Torre, Abby Pomeroy, Joe Eggers, and Ed Figi

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Senator Taylor moved to amend motion **SS0809072** clause number to state: Whereas, during meetings pertaining to budget requests it becomes difficult to keep full and accurate *written* minutes while simultaneously defending a budget;
Seconded by: Director Pfundheller
Amendment passed
Minutes passed as amended

V. OPEN FORUM:
First Year Experience presented some job offers to senators for next year and summer.
Joe Eggers- Make sure that you keep the students best interests in mind when making decisions
Director Dale- Mr. Eggers I would love to get your information, so that I can consult you on future issues.

VI. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Sara Deick
Student Association Meeting will be on March 31st, 2009

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Patrick Okan
Working on the new skateboard policy changes for the AP30 will hopefully see the motion next week.
Also working on a new smoking policy

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Matt Dale
Local election is coming up, the primary is on February 17th, 2009
Planed meeting to discuss chapter 17-18 on Friday February 13th, 2009
The portion that is in concern for the students is the 17.8 section of the document
Students are encouraged to attend the meeting and give their input.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Dustin Pfundheller
The Student Senate account currently has $30,145 in it.
Finance is currently working on the Student Savings cards and a ride board promotion called Zimride.

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – Lauren Evans

6. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – Alexis Pineda
The Wisconsin Hmong Conference is coming up, and we are working to promote the event.
Other events that are coming up son are Unity in the Community and Take Back the Night
Diversity is meeting on Tuesdays at 5:00pm every week.

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Craig Witte
Ethics meet with the President to discuss a seating complaint.
The ruling was that the President has the right to conduct the meeting as seen fit.
(The seating arrangement is within the Presidents right.)

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Joshua Brock
There will be a meeting next week to discuss the new ad-hoc committee and the upcoming budget

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
DSAC- Looking over budgets and looking into a student cookbook sub-committee for next year
REC- Looking in to budgets and also looking for more committee members
RES LIFE- Looking in to budgets and reviewing appeals to move off campus
SHAC- looking into the Wellness challenge, Free Yoga classes, and The health fair

TEXTBOOK SER- Working on book storage of new books, and getting books in to fix a book shortage

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

Governor's budget is coming out this next week.

Veterans send off ceremony will be February 11th, 2009 at 3:00 – 3:30 in the UC Ballroom.

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Benjamin Casper

Please clean up after yourself in the office

Office hours were due today at 4:00pm Hours will be due again February 23rd, 2009 at 4:00pm

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Cindy Bendix

Went to the Board of Regence this last week for a dinner.

Care Packages for the Students that left for duty

VII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Senator Harshman- Faculty Senate Meeting: I encourage students to go the Provost Meet and Greets that are coming up soon.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

SS0809072

Whereas, minutes must be kept for all meetings of the Leadership Development and Programming Board;

Whereas, during meetings pertaining to budget requests it becomes difficult to keep full and accurate written minutes while simultaneously defending a budget;

Whereas, recording the meeting would allow for a more accurate record;

Whereas, an audio recording of budget meetings is required by UW System;

Therefore, be it resolved that the ~~UWRF Student Senate allocate up to $320 for the purchase of a video camera to be used by L.D.&P.B. to keep minutes;~~ Leadership Development & Programming Board make use of the video recorders in the Wyman building;

Therefore, be it further resolved that a non LD&PB member attend and take *written* minutes at the LD&PB final budget meeting.

Amendments moved by: Chair Brock
Seconded by: Senator Taylor
Amendment passed

Moved by: Chair Brock
Seconded by: Chair Witte
Approved by Finance
Motion passed as amended

SS0809074

Whereas, Student Senate support has been pivotal for the Annual President's Day Debate;

Whereas, there are costs involved in reserving the Ballroom in the UC in which the Debate is held;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate appropriate $85 towards this event to secure the Ballroom in the UC on February 16, 2009.

Moved By: Director Dale
Seconded By: Director Deick
Approved by finance
Motion Passed

SS0809075

Whereas, chapter 17+18 have been something that we have been following and working on;

Whereas, there is a student reps meeting at UW Milwaukee from the 20th to the 21st of February, 2009 to discuss this issue amongst others;

Therefore, be it resolved that we send up to two students down to this meeting;

Therefore, be it further resolved that we allocate up to $550 for this trip.

Lodging: $70/night +2 people = $140
Food: Breakfast $6/day + 2 people = $12
Lunch $7/day + 2 people + 2 days = $28
Dinner $8/day + 2 people + 2 days = $42
Travel: State Vehicle w/gas $285
TOTAL= $507

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix
Approved by finance
Motion Passed

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction Only - SS0809076
Whereas, the Student Association Student Senate is currently devoid of an American flag or a flagpole upon which to attach;

Whereas, the Student Association Student Senate ought to have the national flag available for Senators to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of meetings if they so wish;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Shared Governance Association Student Senate allocate $150 towards the procurement of an American flag and an appropriate pole upon which to attach it.

Moved by: Director Dale
Seconded by: Senator Harshman
Pending finance approval

Introduction Only - SS0809077
Whereas, student can save money from businesses by using the University of Wisconsin – River Falls ID;

Whereas, most students are not aware of the student savings club program;

Whereas, promoting the program would also help promote student association of student senate;

Therefore, be it resolved that student senate allocate $150 for advertising for student savings club;

Therefore, be it finally resolved that every advertisement will give credit to Shared Governance Association Student Senate for the program.

Moved by: Director Pfundheller
Seconded by: Alexis Pineda
Pending finance approval

Introduction Only - SS0809078
Whereas, many students don't have a car on campus;

Whereas, these students would like to go home but have no transportation available for them;

Whereas, there is a free online ride board – ZimRide as an application on facebook;

Therefore, be it resolved that student senate allocate $75 for advertising for the online ride board;

Therefore, be it further resolved that every advertisement will give credit to Shared Governance Association Student Senate for the program.

Moved by: Director Pfundheller
Seconded by: Alexis Pineda
Pending finance approval

Introduction Only - SS0809079
Whereas, the Wisconsin Hmong College Coalition will be meeting at University of Wisconsin - River Falls (UW-RF) for the first time February 21st, 2009;

Whereas, UW-RF has a large Hmong and Asian student representation on campus;

Whereas, this will be many minority students and leaders from other campuses first and only impression of UW-River Falls;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate allocates up to 200 dollars to provide advertisement, food, and entertainment towards this event;

Moved By: Director Pineda
Seconded By: Director Evans
Pending Finance Approval

Introduction Only - SS0809080
Whereas, Shared Governance is continually striving to improve upon the budgeting and programming process at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls;

Whereas, an ad-hoc committee would provide an effective means to discuss possible improvements, Whereas members of said ad-hoc will have to devote significant time to this process;

Therefore, be it resolved that an ad-hoc committee be formed containing three senators, three members of the Leadership Development and Programming Board, and one nonvoting Chair;

Therefore, be it further resolved that these members be Craig Witte, Matt Dale, and Cindy Bendix from Senate, and Brad Kerschner, Brandon Kesler, and Kirsten Blake from L.D.P.B., and Josh Brock as chair;

Therefore, be it finally resolved the committee members be paid a stipend of $75 each.

Moved by: Chair Brock
Seconded by: Chair Witte
Pending finance approval

SS0809081
Whereas, there is an election for the 2009 – 2010 academic year coming up;

Whereas, we need a Spring Elections Committee to coordinate election operations;

Whereas, Sarah Deick, Dustin Pfundheller, Krista Hasselquist, and Paul Casper, are interested and seem well qualified;

Therefore, be it resolved that Sarah Deick, Dustin Pfundheller, Krista Hasselquist, and Paul Casper be appointed to the Spring Elections Committee.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: Co-Director Evens
Motion Passed

X. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Whereas, there is a proper way to write a motion in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order;

Whereas, we seem to have a few senators that do not know how to write a proper motion;

Therefore, be it resolved that I encourage senators to use this motion as an example;

Therefore, be it further resolved that if senators have questions about how to write a motion they can ask Vice President Casper, or find the information in the Robert's Rules of Order handbook located in the Student Senate office.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix
Approved by all Shared Governance Committees

Vice President Casper- We are looking into making a secretarial position for Senate, and any information anyone has would be very helpful.
Senator Harsman- I looked into renting I-Clickers for Senate, and they are all out of them in Textbook Services.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, February 17th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.